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EXECUTIVE ORDER TAKING OVER GERMAN VESSELS IN AMERICAN
PORTS

No. 265, June 30, 1917

Whereas the following Joint Resolution adopted by Congress was approved by the President May 12, 1917:

Joint Resolution Authorizing the President to take over for the United States the possession and title of any vessel within its jurisdiction, which at the time of coming therein was owned in whole or in part by any corporation, citizen, or subject of any nation with which the United States may be at war, or was under register of any such nation, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to take over to the United States the immediate possession and title of any vessel within the jurisdiction thereof, including the Canal Zone and all territories and insular possessions of the United States except the American Virgin Islands, which at the time of coming into such jurisdiction was owned in whole or in part by any corporation, citizen, or subject of any nation with which the United States may be at war when such vessel shall be taken, or was flying the flag of or was under register of any such nation or any political subdivision or municipality thereof; and, through the United States Shipping Board, or any department or agency of the Government, to operate, lease, charter, and equip such vessel in any service of the United States, or in any commerce, foreign or coastwise.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to appoint, subject to the approval of the President, a board of survey, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the actual value of the vessel, its equipment, appurtenances, and all property contained therein, at the time of its taking, and to make a written report of their findings to the Secretary of the Navy, who shall preserve such report with the records of his department. These findings shall be considered as competent evidence in all proceedings on any claim for compensation.

And whereas the following vessels were, at the time of coming into the jurisdiction of the United States owned in whole or in part by a corporation, citizen or subject of the Empire of Germany, a nation with which the United States is now at war, or were flying the flag of or under the register of the Empire of Germany, or of a political subdivision or municipality thereof:

Vaterland	Neptun
Amerika	O. J. D. Ahlers
Kaiser Wilhelm II	Prinz Waldemar
President Grant	Loongmoon
Pennsylvania	Gouverneur Jaeschke

Bulgaria	Darvel
Prinzess Irene	Princess Alice
Hamburg	Wiegand
Neckar	Bochum
Bohemia	Carl Diederichsen
Rhaetia	Coblenz
Wittekind	Esslingen
Armenia	Lyeemoon
Adamsturm	Pongtong
Willehad	Sachsen
Serapis	Suevia
Allemannia	Steinbeck
Nassovia	Elsass
Maia	Indra
Arnoldus Vinnen	Setos
Ottawa	Holsatia
Grunewald	Staatssekretar Kraetke
Sachsenwald	Borneo
Staatssekretar Solf	Marudu
Aroa (Lighter)	Tsintau
George Washington	Andalusia
Kronprinzessin Cecile	Camilla Rickmers
President Lincoln	Clara Jebesen
Cincinnati	Elmshorn
Grosser Kurfurst	Johanne
Barbarossa	Mark
Friedrich der Grosse	Rajah
Rhein	Sambia
Konig Wilhelm II	Tubingen
Koln	Dalbek
Prinz Oskar	Magdeburg
Ockenfels	Matador
Arcadia	Kurt
Pisa	Andromeda
Prinz Joachim	Prinz Sigismund
Harburg	Savoia
Portonia	Arni (Lighter)
Clara Mennig	Argus (Lighter)
Pommern	

It is therefore ordered that through the United States Shipping Board there be taken over to the United States the possession and title of the aforementioned vessels. The United States Shipping Board is further hereby authorized to repair, equip and man the said vessels; to operate, lease or charter the same in any service of the United States, or in any commerce, foreign or coastwise; and to do and perform any and all things that may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Joint Resolution above set forth.

WOODROW WILSON.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
30 June, 1917.

PROCLAMATION RELATING TO AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF GERMAN
INSURANCE COMPANIES

No. 1366, April 6, 1917

Whereas, certain insurance companies, incorporated under the laws of the German Empire, have been admitted to transact the business of insurance in various States of the United States, by means of separate United States Branches established pursuant to the laws of such States, and are now engaged in business under the supervision of the Insurance Departments thereof, with assets in the United States deposited with Insurance Departments or in the hands of resident trustees, citizens of the United States, for the protection of all policyholders in the United States;

And whereas, the interests of the citizens of the United States in the protection afforded by such insurance are of great magnitude, so that it is deemed to be important that the agencies of such companies in the United States be permitted to continue in business;

Now, therefore, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the powers vested in me as such, hereby declare and proclaim that such branch establishments of German Insurance Companies now engaged in the transaction of business in the United States pursuant to the laws of the several States are hereby authorized and permitted to continue the transaction of their business in accordance with the laws of such States in the same manner and to the same extent as though a state of war did not now exist; provided, however, that all funds of such establishments now in the possession of their managers